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SENATOR F. LEWIS: Now have you included some . . . you have a resolution before your committee. I can't remember the number of that. Goodrich, what's the number of that resolution? Resolution 17 that deals with criteria for day care payments. Has your committee addressed the criteria to be involved in day care payments?

SENATOR MARVEL: I'm going to ask Senator Marsh to respond to this. My answer would be yes, we have met with the Department of Welfare several times.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Shirley Marsh, Senator Shirley Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: Mr. President and specifically Senator Lewis, I spent the day after Easter with the Social Services Department of the State Department of Welfare. We are very involved in setting up plans for Title 20. Title 20 does not go into effect until the 15th of October, but it takes a great deal of planning with the October 15th deadline in mind. The state has to make a decision before that time whether it will be going for a nine month program or a 21 month program in this total area. This is for all social services, so you're picking out day care which is just one of the social services we're talking about.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Let me express the concern that's been expressed to me by many. There is absolutely no involvement in terms of the standard of need issue in day care centers. I think that, Senator Goodrich, is one of the items that is addressed by your resolution. You'll probably want to talk to this in a minute. The concern of many people that I've met with is not only the money but the expenditure of it and the standards for qualifying under it. Is that correct? Is the Budget Committee trying to work on that under the Department of Welfare's direction?

SENATOR MARSH: Title 20 speaks specifically to this, Senator Lewis.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: I just want to make that as a known concern. I don't know how to express it yet. I may by Select File. Then I have one other question that concerns me, Program No. 537, Agency 68, the Commission on Mexican-Americans. I see where their request was, and the Governor's request was, \$88,000. That has been cut to \$71,000. What's the justification for that?

SENATOR MARVEL: I'll have to get you the information. I think somebody has an amendment to this that may come up if you can hold that. There is a discussion coming up on that.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: OK, I'll hold that. Then I have just one last question concerning the Commission on Aging and the \$3,600,000. They've done a fine job of what they're doing. Have we talked in terms of some of their services coordinated with some of the other agencies involved like you did . . . you mentioned that with Welfare. Now the